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SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT NO 13 (2-13 THRU 2-19-76)

1. SUMMARY

ZONE I CONTINUES TO BE THE MOST ACTIVE AREA IN THE
CAMPAIGN. ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT ERADICATION WEEK WAS RECORDED
IN THIS AREA. A TOTAL OF 2,094 OPIUM FIELDS WERE DESTROYED
DURING THIS WEEK OF WHICH 1,813 FIELDS WERE DESTROYED WITH
THE USE OF HERBICIDES. ALL STATISTICS COMPARED TO PREVIOUS
CAMPAIGNS HAVE BEEN SURPASSED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TOTAL
NUMBER OF OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED. LAST YEAR THE OFFICIAL
COUNT WAS 10,945 OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED. DURING THIS CAMPAIGN,
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THIS FIGURE IS BEING RAPIDLY REACHED AND WE ANTICIPATE THAT

IT WILL BE SURPASSED. END OF SUMMARY.

2. ERADICATION

(A) STATISTICAL SUMMARY

ZONE I- STATES OF SONORA, SINALOA, DURANGO AND CHIHUAHUA:

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 1,813

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 4,723,139

PLANTS DESTROYED - 61,313,697

HECTARES - 472.3

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

FIELDS DESTROYED - 281

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 515,072

PLANTS DESTROYED - 13,060,555

HECTARES - 51.5

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 225

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 873,065

PLANTS DESTROYED - 13,954,205

HECTARES - 87.3

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

FIELDS DESTROYED - 33

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 124,990

PLANTS DESTROYED - 2,346,725

HECTARES - 12.5

ZONE II-STATES OF JALISCO, NAYARIT, COLIMA, ZACATECAS AND MICHOACAN.

WEEK WAS DEDICATED TO RECON OF NEW FIELDS AND OF DESTROYED FIELDS. NO ERADICATION TOOK PLACE.

ZONE III-STATES OF GUERRERO, MORELOS AND OAXACA.

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 13

(NO OTHER FIGURES OBTAINED)

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

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FIELDS DESTROYED - 15

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 18,570

PLANTS DESTROYED - 457,820

HECTARES - 1.9

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

NONE

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

FIELDS DESTROYED - 46
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 280,600
PLANTS DESTROYED - 7,793,050
HECTARES - 28.1

TOTAL CUMULATIVE ERADICATION STATISTICS (ALL 3 ZONES)

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

FIELDS DESTROYED - 2,319
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 9,166,240
PLANTS DESTROYED - 67,361,876
HECTARES - 916.6

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 4,210
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 12,032,429
HECTARES - 1,203.2

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

FIELDS DESTROYED - 1,041
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 3,484,157
PLANTS DESTROYED - 17,567,998
HECTARES - 348.4

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 516
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 1,786,065
HECTARES - 178.6

(C) PERSONNEL DEPLOYMENT

UNLIKE ANY OTHER PREVIOUS CAMPAIGN IN THE PAST 28 YEARS,
THIS OPIUM ERADICATION CAMPAIGN IS BEING FOUGHT WITH TECHNOLOGY
RATHER THAN WITH THE NEED FOR A LARGE NUMBER OF SOLDIERS.
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THIS CAMPAIGN HAS PROVEN THAT THE USE OF HERBICIDES WILL
ELIMINATE THE LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS OF TRANSPORTING AND MAIN-
TAINING LARGE NUMBER OF SOLDIERS IN THE FIELDS. IT IS NOT
PRACTICAL TO INCREASE THE PRESENCE OF SOLDIERS BEYOND THE
BUDGET LIMITATIONS OF THE MEXICAN DOD. HERBICIDE SPRAYING
HAS ANSWERED SOME DIFFICULT PROBLEMS BOTH FOR THE MILITARY
AND THE AG'S OFFICE. ON THE ONE SIDE THE MILITARY, ALTHOUGH
STILL ENGAGED IN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OPIUM AND MARIHUANA
DESTRUCTION, CAN SPEND MORE ATTENTION TO CIVIL SERVICE AND
CONTROL; AND ON THE OTHER SIDE, THE MFJP ARE LESS BURDENED
WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MOVING LARGE NUMBERS OF SOLDIERS
DURING THE ERADICATION CAMPAIGN. THE MILITARY PRESENCE WILL
ALWAYS BE IMPORTANT BUT NOT IN THE LARGE QUANTITY THAT WE
HAD PREDICTED WAS NECESSARY TO BE ENGAGED IN THE ERADICATION.

ALMOST ALL ACTIVITY IS NOW BEING CONDUCTED IN ZONE I. IN ZONES II AND III ONE HELICOPTER IS STATIONED AT EACH ONE OF THESE ZONES TO MAINTAIN RECON FLIGHTS AND SUPPORT THE MILITARY THAT MAINTAINS A PRESENCE IN THESE AREAS. IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT IN GUERRERO, IN THE AREA OF THE 27TH MILITARY ZONE, LESS THAN 15 OPIUM FIELDS WERE LOCATED THIS YEAR. THIS AREA WAS TRADITIONALLY A SIGNIFICANT OPIUM GROWING AREA WHICH ANUALLY PRODUCED APPROXIMATELY 3,000 OPIUM FIELDS. HOWEVER, SINCE THE ANTI-GOVERNMENT MOVEMENT OF LUCIO CABANAS AND THE CONSTANT PRESENCE OF THE MILITARY SOLDIERS THROUGHOUT THE MOUNTAINS, ENCOMPASSED BY THE AREA OF THE 27TH MILITARY ZONE, THE FARMERS WERE DISCOURAGED FROM PLANTING OPIUM. THIS METHOD IS WORTH MENTIONING IN THAT ALTHOUGH THE PRESENCE OF THE SOLDIERS WAS NOT PRIMARILY FOR STOPPING THE GROWING OF OPIUM, BUT NEUTRALIZING ANTI-GOVERNMENT RESISTANCE, IT ALSO SERVED THE PURPOSE OF STOPPING THE GROWING OF OPIUM. MFJP SOURCES ESTIMATE THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 600-800 SOLDIERS CONSTANTLY PATROLLING THE MOUNTAINS IN THE 27TH MILITARY ZONE. THEIR PRESENCE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE NON-PRODUCTION OF OPIUM IN THIS AREA.

E. AVIATION OPERATIONS

REPORTING PERIOD: FEB 12 THRU 18, 1976

1. AG AIRCRAFT HOURS FLOWN AND AVAILABILITY FEB 12-18.

A. MODEL 212: 186:49 HRS/MIN FLOWN

AVAIL: 67.1 PCT

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NOTE: MICRO FOILS UNITS: 51:20 HRS/MIN FLOWN

B. MODEL 206-B: 73:57 HRS/MIN FLOWN

AVAIL: 48.5 PCT

NOTE: SIMPLEX II UNITS: 65:39 HRS MIN FLOWN

C. CESSNA 185: 67:12 HRS/MIN FLOWN

AVAIL: 95.2 PCT

D. AERO COMMANDER: 37:00 HRS/MIN FLOWN

AVAIL: 66.6 PCT

NOTE: NO TIME REPORTED ON XC-BEL (MOPSS AIRCRAFT)

E. FAIRCHILD PORTER STOL: 22:55 HRS/MIN FLOWN

AVAIL: 71.6 PCT

NOTE: TOTAL HOURS FLOWN FOR ALL AG AERO SERVICES AIRCRAFT DURING REPORTING PERIOD REPRESENTS ALL TIME HIGH OF 387.57 HRS/MIN FLOWN.

2. MAINTENANCE:

A. AERO COMMANDER (XC-CON) IS NOW FLYING DAILY SHUTTLE FLIGHTS TO CULICAN TRANSPORTING PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES. DR GERTZ AND SENIOR STAFF AGREED TO THIS DURING DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING PROVISION OF THE CITATION AS THE EXECUTIVE AIRCRAFT.

B. A TELEX SYSTEM WAS INSTALLED IN CULIACAN AND IS NOW

TRANSMITTING REQUESTS AND INFORMATION FROM THE FIELD TO AG HEADQUARTERS IN MEXICO CITY EVERY EVENING. IF THE MESSAGE PERTAINS TO SPARE PARTS/COMPONENTS, A COPY OF THE CABLE IS FORWARDED TO AG HANGAR FOR ACTION AND IMMEDIATE SHIPMENT TO CULIACAN VIA XC-CON. RECENTLY U.S. REPRESENTATIVES IN CULIACAN AND MEXICO CITY WERE ABLE TO VERIFY THAT THE SYSTEM IS BOTH EFFICIENT AND EXPEDIENT, WHEN A NEED FOR SOME MODEL 206-B SPARES SURFACED AND IT WAS DISCOVERED THE SPARES HAD BEEN SHIPPED VIA XC-CON THE PREVIOUS DAY.

C. AN HF/SSB BASE STATION UNIT WAS INSTALLED AT THE AG HANGAR IN MEXICO CITY IN AN ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH DIRECT RADIO CONTACT WITH BASE AT CULIACAN TO IMPROVE THE TRANSMITTAL TIME OF MAINTENANCE-RELATED MESSAGES.

3. AVIATION:

A. STOL AIRCRAFT: SENIOR STAFF MEMBER MARISCAL FLORES, WHO IS ALSO CHIEF AVIATION ADVISOR TO DR GERTZ, ARGUED EMPHATICALLY THAT STOL TRAINING SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IN MEXICO CITY AREA UTILIZING THE TRAINING BASES USED BY CAPFCE (FEDERAL ADMIN-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ISTRATIVE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOLS). BOTH FAIRCHILD INSTRUCTOR/PILOT MAYE AND S/NM AVIGATION ADVISOR HALL ARGUED THAT TRAINING WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE IF CONDUCTED ON-SITE IN ACTUAL OPERATIONAL AREA. DR GERTZ BROKE THE IMPASSE WHEN HE DECIDED THE STOL AIRCRAFT WERE NEEDED IN CULIACAN TO PERFORM OPERATIONAL MISSIONS SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH TRANSITIONAL FLIGHT TRAINING. BOTH STOL AIRCRAFT, PILOT/INSTRUCTOR MAYE, S/NM AVIATION ADVISOR HALL, FACTORY TECH REP GUEVARA, TWO AG PILOTS AND TWO MECHANIC TRAINEES WERE SCHEDULED TO DEPART FOR CULIACAN ON 14 FEB.

B. CESSNA CITATION: STEERING COMMITTEE INFORMED DR GERTZ AND SENIOR STAFF THAT JET AIRCRAFT WAS READY FOR DELIVERY ON 18 FEB. AG AVIATION ADVISOR MARISCAL FLORES INFORMED US THEY HIRED A CITATION QUALIFIED PILOT (CAPT SAN VICENTE GUTIERREZ) FROM PEMEX. FLYAWAY CREW, INCLUDING AVIATION ADVISOR FORD, DEPARTED FOR WICHITA, KANSAS ON 18 FEB, PLANNING TO MEET MARISCAL LATER AT THE CESSNA FACTORY PRIOR TO TRANSFER OF TITLE.

C. EVERGREEN INSTRUCTOR/PILOTS UNDER CONTRACT TO GOM/AG: ISOLATED INDIVIDUAL PROBLEMS CONTINUE TO SURFACE BETWEEN EVERGREEN AND AG PILOTS RELATED TO PERSONALITIES AND/OR TECHNICAL DIFFERENCES IN THE DISCHARGE OF THEIR FUNCTIONS. IT WAS SUGGESTED TO SENIOR STAFF MEMBER SOLIS THAT HE NAME AN ENGLISH-SPEAKING AG PILOT (NOT A MODEL 212 SPRAY TRAINEE) AS THE FULL-TIME LIAISON OFFICER BETWEEN EVERGREEN INSTRUCTOR PILOTS AND THE AG CHIEF PILOT FROM WHOM THEY RECEIVE THEIR ORDERS.

D. EVERGREEN CONTRACT: ARRANGEMENTS ARE PROGRESSING ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES TO REIMBURSE THE GOM/AG ON

THE CONTRACTUAL SERVICES COST UNDER TERMS OF THE 1.3 MILLION DOLLAR AGREEMENT OF 4 FEBRUARY.

E. AG PILOTS DIFFERENTIAL SALARY: SENIOR STAFF MEMBER SOLIS INFORMED US THAT UNDER ADVICE FROM DR GERTZ, HE WILL BE SUBMITTING A COPY OF THE AG PILOT PAYROLL TO NAU FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF DIFFERENTIAL SALARY COSTS, ALSO UNDER THE TERMS OF THE 4 FEB AGREEMENT.

F. AVIATION OPERATIONS OFFICER: STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN GENERAL AND AVIATION ADVISOR FORD IN PARTICULAR CONTINUE TO STRESS TO DR GERTZ AND HIS SENIOR STAFF MEMBERS THE DIRE NEED FOR A FULL-TIME AVIATION OPERATIONS OFFICER. IT IS A FOREGONE CONCLUSION ON THE PART OF ALL PRINCIPALS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INVOLVED THAT CAPTAIN VIDEZ WOULD BE OVER EXTENDING HIS TECHNICAL AND MANAGERIAL CAPABILITIES IF CHARGED AGAIN WITH THIS RESPONSIBILITY. AG OJEDA PAULLADA RECOGNIZED THIS SITUATION DURING THE RECENT MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR VANCE AND COMMENTED BRIEFLY ON THEIR EFFORTS TO RECRUIT THE BEST CANDIDATE. NOTE: THE PILOTS REMAIN THE PIVOTAL FIGURES IN ALL AVIATION ACTIVITIES WITH A SIGNIFICANT DEGREE OF INFLUENCE ON THE EVENTUAL OUTCOME OF THE CAMPAIGN.

F. MPOSS AND OTHER DETECTION SYSTEMS:

1. MISSIONS 61 THRU 63 WERE FLOWN THIS WEEK. MISSION 61 WAS CUT SHORT BECAUSE OF UNUSUALLY HIGH WINDS ALOFT, BUT THE OTHER TWO MISSIONS WERE EACH 4 HOURS OR MORE.

2. DATA FROM MISSIONS 62 AND 63 ARE BEING ANALYZED. DATA FROM MISSION 61 AND THE 4 MISSIONS FLOWN LAST WEEK YIELDED A TOTAL OF 594 LIVE FIELDS.

3. THE 100 HOUR INSPECTION OF AEROCOMMANDER XC-BEL WAS COMPLETED 17 FEBRUARY AND THE AIRCRAFT WAS THEN FLOWN ON A VISUAL RECON MISSION. AERO COMMANDER XC-GOZ WILL ENTER A 400 HOUR INSPECTION LATER THIS WEEK AT MEXICO CITY. IT IS EXPECTED BACK IN COMMISSION IN ABOUT ONE WEEK.

4. TRAINING OF MOPS PILOTS IN THE USE OF THE ON TRACT II NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT WAS CONTINUED. ONE PILOT IS COMPLETELY CHECKED OUT AND ANOTHER PARTIALLY TRAINED. THE TWO OTHER PILOTS HAVE BEEN UNAVAILABLE AND THUS HAVE RECEIVED NO TRAINING AS YET.

5. MOPS PHOTO PROCESSING, ANALYSIS AND CARTOGRAPHIC OPERATIONS ARE RUNNING SMOOTHLY.

6. MISSION 60, FLOWN 11 FEBRUARY TO VERIFY ERADICATION OF FIELDS NORTHWEST OF SAN JOSE DEL LLANO, YIELDED DATA INDICATING 195 LIVE FIELDS AND 44 MORE PROBABLES IN THE

AREA. THIS WAS SIX DAYS AFTER THE FIELDS HAD BEEN SPRAYED. FIRST-HAND INSPECTION OF SPRAYED FIELDS INDICATES DISCOLORATION OF THE UPPER LEAVES OF THE PLANTS, BUT THE STEMS AND LOWER LEAVES REMAIN MOIST. THIS SUGGESTS THE NEED TO USE A STRONGER HERBICIDE SPRAY SOLUTION.
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7. MOPS MISSION 63 WAS THE ONLY ONE THAT HAS BEEN FLOWN SINCE FEBRUARY 14.

8. AEROCOMMANDERS HAVE BEEN FLOWN FIVE TIMES ON VISUAL RECONS ONLY. THE PROBLEM AT PRESENT IS THAT THESE AEROCOMMANDERS ARE CONFIGURED FOR MOPS MISSION; HOWEVER, THEY NOW ARE BEING USED AT TIMES STRICTLY FOR VISUAL RECON, SINCE MEXICAN PROGRAM COORDINATOR HAS ORDERED THESE PLANES TO BE FLOWN FOR VISUAL RECON INSTEAD OF FOR MOPS. THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH DR. GERTZ.

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IN ZONE I ARE BEING ASSESSED AND PREPARED FOR LOCAL PROCUREMENT.

2. INSTALLATION OF HF-SSB 130 WAT TRANSCEIVERS IN TWO CESSNA 185 AIRCRAFT ARE IN PROGRESS AT BASE IN CULIACAN.

3. PROCUREMENT ACTION (AID/INC) WAS INITIATED FOR TEST INSTRUMENTS FOR THE AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. THIS TEST EQUIPMENT WILL BE UTILIZED AT THE PLANNED AVIONICS REPAIR FACILITY AT THE NEW AG HANGAR (MEXICO CITY).

H. HERBICIDES:

1. SOME REPORTS CONTINUE TO COME FROM U.S. SOURCES IN ZONE I WHICH TEND TO QUESTION WHETHER THE ACCEPTED LEVEL OF EFFECTIVENESS EXPECTED FROM EITHER DOW AMINA 2-4-D OR HGD-50 (GRAMOXONE) IS BEING ACHIEVED.

2. THERE ARE NUMEROUS REPORTS ON RESPRAYING OF FIELDS, DUE TO THE WILTING EFFECT BEING OVERLY DELAYED AFTER THE INITIAL SPRAYING OPERATIONS.

3. AVIATION ADVISOR FORD PLANS TO TRAVEL AGAIN TO ZONE I BY END OF THE WEEK TO CONDUCT FURTHER TESTS AND SURVEY SPRAYED FIELDS TO DETERMINE EFFECTIVENESS OF AERIAL
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SPRAYING AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS IF NEEDED TO IMPROVE THE OPERATIONS.

FYI: CERTAIN FACTORS SUCH AS SPEED OF AIRCRAFT, DISTANCE OVER FIELD, AMOUNT OF CHEMICAL MIX SPREAD OVER GIVEN SURFACE AREA, TEMPERATURE, ALTITUDE, SHADE, ETC., MUST BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IF THE MOST EFFECTIVE USE OF SPRAY EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL IS TO BE ATTAINED.

4. UPON RECOMMENDATION FROM EVERGREEN INSTRUCTOR-PILOTS, A BELL HELICOPTER COMPANY PURCHASE ORDER WAS RELEASED FOR PROCUREMENT OF FIVE DEFLATABLE 500 GALLON CAPACITY, RUBBER FUEL TANKS WITH PUMPS AND ACCESSORIES IN ORDER TO EXTEND THE OPERATIONAL RADII OF THE MODEL 212 MICRO FOIL UNITS. THIS PROBLEM WAS NOTED DURING THE INITIAL INTRODUCTION OF MODEL 212 SPRAY UNITS IN THE STATE OF JALISCO. DELIVERY VIA EVERGREEN COMPANY AIRCRAFT IS EXPECTED IN CULIACAN BY END OF THE NEXT REPORTING PERIOD.

3. INTERDICCION

ZONE I - STATES OF SONORA, SINALOA, DURANGO AND CHIHUAHUA.

5 KILOGRAMS 116 GRAMS HEROIN
2 KILOGRAMS 217 GRAMS COCAINE
14 TONS 038 KILOGRAMS 600 GRAMS MARIHUANA
3.700 KILO GRAMS MARIHUANA SEEDS
34 AUTOMOBILES
2 STATION WAGONS
1 TRUCK
1 AIRCRAFT
3 DEFENDANTS
35 WEAPONS
1 SCALE
5-200 LITER AVIATION FUEL DRUMS

ZONE II - STATES OF JALISCO, NAYARIT, COLIMA, ZACATECAS AND MICHOACAN.

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.125 KILOGRAMS HEROIN
.237 KILOGRAMS COCAINE
379 KOLOGRAMS OF MARIHUANA

1 AUTOMOBILE
14 DEFENDANTS
9 WEAPONS
5,700 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION
258 STICKS OF DYNAMITE
1 LABORATORY

ZONE III - STATES OF GUERRERO, MORELOS & OACACA

1 KILOGRAM COCAINE
.002 KILOGRAMS HASHISH
.200 KILOGRAMS MARIHUANA SEED
1 AUTOMOBILE
2 STATION WAGONS
21 DEFENDANTS (1 US CITIZEN)
13 WEAPONS
6,058 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

TOTAL CUMULATIVE INTERDICTION FIGURES (ALL 3
ZONES)

64 KILOGRAMS 580 GRAMS HEROIN
149 KILOGRAMS 140 GRAMS OPIUM GUM
1 OPIUM PRESS
220 GRAMS MORPHINE BASE
9 HEROIN CONVERSION LABORATORIES
10 KILOGRAMS 988 GRAMS COCAINE
4,090,000 DOSAGE UNITS (D.U.) MINI-BENNIES
23 GRAMS BENZEDRINE
122,5000 D.U. BENZEDRINE TABLETS
5. D.U. LSD
6 PILL PRESSES
1 KILOGRAM 360 GRAMS PEYOTE
185 D.U. AMPHETAMINES
550 D.U. MANDRAX PILLS
600 KILOGRAMS SECOBARBITOL
15,500,000 D.U. SECOBARBITAL
15,000,000 EMPTY CAPSULES
11 KILOGRAMS ADDITIVES FOR PILLS
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1 SECOBARBITOL LABORATORY
6 KILOGRAMS 11 GRAMS HASHISH
120 TONS 908 KILOGRAMS 150 GRAMS MARIHUANA
255 KILOGRAMS 850 GRAMS MARIHUANA SEED
7 MARIHUANA PRESSES
30 GRAMS HALLUCINOGENIC MUSHROOMS
1 SHRIMP BOAT
168 AUTOMOBILES
4 STATION WAGONS
30 TRUCKS

2 TRAILER TRUCKS
17 AIRCRAFT
803 DEFENDANTS
375 WEAPONS
193,319 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION
278 STICKS OF DYNAMITE
5-200 LITER DRUMS AVIATION FUEL
1,000 METERS IRRIGATION HOSE
3 PUMPS

B. USE OF INTERDICTION VEHICLES
NO CHANGE FROM LAST REPORT.

G. MISSION ANALYSIS OF TRENDS

DEA SOURCES REPORT A DEFINITE SHORTAGE OF OPIUM IN THE STATE OF GUERRERO. ALTHOUGH ISOLATED CASES ARE BEING INITIATED, IT HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY MORE DIFFICULT TO NEGOTIATE FOR OPIUM IN THIS AREA. IN THE STATE OF SINALOA, DEA SOURCES REPORT THAT THE HERBICIDE SPRAYING HAS HAD A MARKED IMPACT IN THE AVAILABILITY OF OPIUM AND/OR HEROIN FOR THE ILLICIT MARKET. WE ARE RECEIVING THE FIRST OPTIMISTIC REPORTS THAT THE CAMPAIGN THUS FAR HAS BEEN A SUCCESS.

4. COMMENTS:

IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS, ALMOST 4,300 OPIUM FIELDS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. THIS IS VERY ENCOURAGING. SINCE IT REPRESENTS ABOUT 2/3S OF THE TOTAL DESTRUCTION SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS CAMPAIGN. DR. GERTZ CONTINUES TO BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OPTIMISTIC THAT THE INTENSIFIED OPIUM ERADICATION CAMPAIGN WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN A MATTER OF DAYS. HOWEVER, RECON REPORTS BY DEA AIRCRAFT AND MOPS SYSTEM TEND TO INDICATE THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 4,000 OPIUM FIELDS LEFT TO BE DESTROYED IN ZONE I. THE OTHER AREAS HAVE REPORTED ISOLATED OPIUM FIELDS IN SIGNIFICANT IN NUMBERS COMPARED TO THE CRITICAL AREA IN THE STATES OF SINALOA, DURANGO AND CHIHUAHUA. DESPITE THESE VERY PROMISING PAST TWO WEEKS, DR. GERTY HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT THERE ARE MANY FIELDS PREPARED FOR OPIUM CULTIVATION AND THAT A SECOND CRITICAL PERIOD WILL DEVELOP IN THE MONTH OF APRIL. IT IS NOT YET TIME TO BE OPTIMISTIC OR COMFORTABLE WITH IMMEDIATE SUCCESSES. JOVA UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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